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TAGS: PFOR, CH, US

SUBJECT: CHINESE QUERY ABOUT SOVIET MILITARY PREPARATIONS

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REF: USDLO HONG KONG 0507337 MARCH 74 (IR 6 842 0096 74)

1. REFERENCE MESSAGE REPORTED QUERY TO ARMLO HONG KONG FROM NEW CHINA NEWS AGENCY REPORTER REGARDING VARIOUS REPORTS RELATED TO SOVIET MILITARY PREPARATIONS.

2. WE DO NOT WANT TO GIVE THE NCNA REPORTER THE IMPRESSION THAT USG IS PREPARED TO "COLLUDE" AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION BY PROVIDING HIM WITH INFORMATION ON SOVIET MILITARY MATTERS.

3. AT THE SAME TIME, WE DO NOT WANT TO CLOSE OFF THESE CONTACTS BETWEEN ARMLO AND THE NCNA REPORTER.

4. ARMLO SHOULD THEREFORE RESPOND TO NCNA REPORTER THAT ARMLO IS NOT IN A POSITION TO PROVIDE INFORMATION ON THESE VARIOUS RUMORS AND REPORTS. IF NCNA REPORTER ASKS ARMLO TO TRY TO OBTAIN SUCH INFORMATION, ARMLO SHOULD AVOID MAKING ANY COMMITMENT TO DO SO.

5. WE LEAVE TO ARMLO'S DISCRETION WHEN HE MAKES ABOVE RESPONSE. KISSINGER

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